

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Alain VANDERGHEYNST, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/540,021

Group Art Unit: 3663

Confirmation No.: 8865

Examiner: Alexandra F. AWAI

Filed: June 22, 2005

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT A MOX FUEL ROD QUALITY  
CONTROL

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of January 4, 2007 to May 1, 2007.

The statutory fee of \$120.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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